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IN THE UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Cart, John Steven      SERIAL NO: 09/870,871  
FILING DATE: May 31, 2001      GROUP ART UNIT: 1712  
TITLE: Composition of Drilling Fluids      EXAMINER: Tucker, Phillip C.  
Comprising Ground Elastomeric Crumb      ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 15564-1  
Rubber Material and a Method of Decreasing  
Seepage and Whole Mud Loss Using Such  
Composition

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

1. This is a petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time to respond to

☒ [X] the Office Action dated December 4, 2003.

☐ [ ] other

2. Applicant is

☐ [ ] a large entity.

☒ [X] a small entity. This status is still proper and its benefit under 37 C.F.R. 1.28(a) is hereby claimed.

3. Extension requested

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) ☒ [X] Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d)) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee- small entity
<input type="checkbox"/> [ ] one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> [ ] two months	\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [X] three months	\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00
<input type="checkbox"/> [ ] four months	\$1,480.00	\$ 740.00
<input type="checkbox"/> [ ] five months	\$2,010.00	\$1,005.00

Fee: \$ 475.00

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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

[X] An extension for 2 months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ 210.00 is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ 265.00

OR

(b) [ ] Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

4. Fee Payment

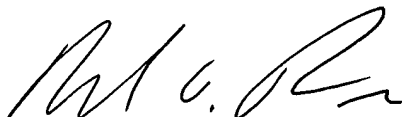
[X] Attached is a check in the sum of \$265.00.

[ ] Charge Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Fee Deficiency

[X] If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 11-0245.

Dated: May 20, 2004

  
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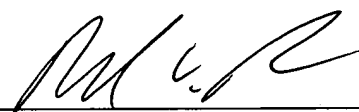
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that the following attached paper or fee:

- Response to Office Action (nine (9) sheets);
- Petition for Extension (two (2) sheets);
- Check in the amount of \$265.00;
- Stamped, return postcard.

is being deposited with the United States Postal Service under 37 CFR 1.8 on the date shown below with sufficient first class mail postage and is addressed to the Mail Stop: Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

May 20, 2004  
Date

  
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